

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claims 2-10, 12-14, 21, 23-26, and 28-33 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND claims 1, 11, 15, 20, 22, and 27 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED A computer system, comprising:
means for receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; ~~and~~
means for transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, first display information in which a first image to identify client representation information of said one client and second images to identify client representation information of other clients, who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance, are positioned at predetermined locations in response to a receipt of said client identification information;
means for receiving, from said terminal of said one client, information indicating an image selected from said first image and said second images;
means for reading out information that matches an attribute registered in advance and that is about a client corresponding to the selected image;
forming means for forming second display information corresponding to another client and including the read information about said another client and a first display element to instruct to input a comment from said one client to said another client, when said selected images is said second image, and for forming second display information corresponding to said one client and including the read information about said one client and a second display element to instruct to send a request for a comment from an expert in said genre registered in advance, when said selected image is said first image;
means for transmitting to said terminal of said one client, the formed second display information;
means for transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input a comment from said one client to said another client, upon receipt of an instruction based on said first display element, and for transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input an inquiry to said expert,

upon receipt of an instruction based on said second display element;

means for registering a comment for said another client, upon receipt of said comment for said another client from said terminal of said one client;

means for transmitting said inquiry to a terminal of said expert, upon receipt of said inquiry from said terminal for said one client; and

means for receiving comment information from said terminal of said expert, and storing said comment information into a storage area for said one client;

wherein said forming means includes the registered comment for said another client into said second display information corresponding to said another client after said registered comment for said another client was received and registered, and includes the stored comment information into said second display information corresponding to said one client after said stored comment information was received and stored.

2. - 10. (CANCELLED)

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED). The computer system according to claim 1, ~~wherein said further comprising:~~

means for receiving another request of said first display information from said terminal of said one client; ~~for transmitting display information changes~~

means for shuffling said locations location of said client representation information first image and said second images; ~~at a predetermined time interval, and~~

means for transmitting transmits the changed shuffled first display information in which said locations of said first image and said second images are shuffled to upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

12. - 14. (CANCELLED).

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED). A computer-readable storage storing a program for controlling a computer to provide information, by:

receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; ~~and~~

in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, first display information in which a first image to identify client representation information for said one client and second images to identify client representation information for other clients, who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance, are

positioned at predetermined locations:-

receiving, from said terminal of said one client, information indicating an image selected from said first image and said second images;

reading out information that matches an attribute registered in advance and that is about a client corresponding to the selected image;

forming second display information corresponding to another client and including the read information about said another client and a first display element to instruct to input a comment from said one client to said another client, when said selected images is said second image, and forming second display information corresponding to said one client and including the read information about said one client and a second display element to instruct to send a request for a comment from an expert in said genre registered in advance, when said selected image is said first image;

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, the formed second display information;

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input a comment from said one client to said another client, upon receipt of an instruction based on said first display element, and transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input an inquiry to said expert, upon receipt of an instruction based on said second display element;

registering a comment for said another client, upon receipt of said comment for said another client from said terminal of said one client;

transmitting said inquiry to a terminal of said expert, upon receipt of said inquiry from said terminal for said one client;

receiving comment information from said terminal of said expert, and storing said comment information into a storage area for said one client;

wherein said forming comprises including the registered comment for said another client into said second display information corresponding to said another client after said registered comment for said another client was received and registered, and including the stored comment information into said second display information corresponding to said one client after said stored comment information was received and stored.

16.-19. (CANCELLED).

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The computer-readable storage for controlling a computer to provide information according to claim 15, further comprising-wherein said transmitting

~~display information comprises:~~

~~receiving another request of said first display information from said terminal of said one client;~~

~~shuffling changing said locations location of said client representation information first image and said second images; at a predetermined time interval, and~~

~~transmitting the changed-shuffled first display information in which said locations of said first image and said second images are shuffled to upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.~~

21. (CANCELLED).

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An A-information providing method comprising:

receiving client identification information from a terminal of one client; and

in response to receipt of said client identification information, transmitting, to said terminal of said one client, first display information in which a first image to identify client representation information for said one client and second images to identify client representation information for other clients, who belong to a genre registered by said one client in advance, are positioned at predetermined locations;

receiving, from said terminal of said one client, information indicating an image selected from said first image and said second images;

reading out information that matches an attribute registered in advance and that is about a client corresponding to the selected image;

forming second display information corresponding to another client and including the read information about said another client and a first display element to instruct to input a comment from said one client to said another client, when said selected images is said second image, and forming second display information corresponding to said one client and including the read information about said one client and a second display element to instruct to send a request for a comment from an expert in said genre registered in advance, when said selected image is said first image;

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, the formed second display information;

transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input a comment from said one client to said another client, upon receipt of an instruction based on said first display element, and transmitting to said terminal of said one client, third display information to allow said one client to input an inquiry to said expert, upon

receipt of an instruction based on said second display element;

registering a comment for said another client, upon receipt of said comment for said another client from said terminal of said one client;

transmitting said inquiry to a terminal of said expert, upon receipt of said inquiry from said terminal for said one client;

receiving comment information from said terminal of said expert, and storing said comment information into a storage area for said one client;

wherein said forming comprises including the registered comment for said another client into said second display information corresponding to said another client after said registered comment for said another client was received and registered, and including the stored comment information into said second display information corresponding to said one client after said stored comment information was received and stored.

23.-26. (CANCELLED)

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The information providing method according to claim 22, further comprising wherein said transmitting display information comprises:

receiving another request of said first display information from said terminal of said one client;

shuffling changing said locations location of said client representation information first image and said second images; at a predetermined time interval; and

transmitting the changed shuffled first display information in which said locations of said first image and said second images are shuffled to upon receipt of a request from said terminal of said one client.

28.- 33. (CANCELLED).